



# Minnesota Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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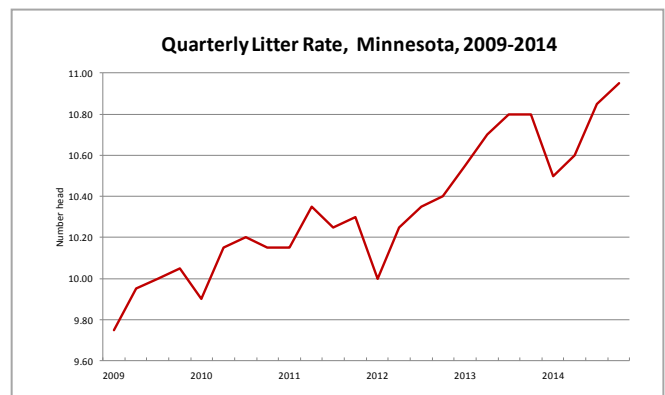
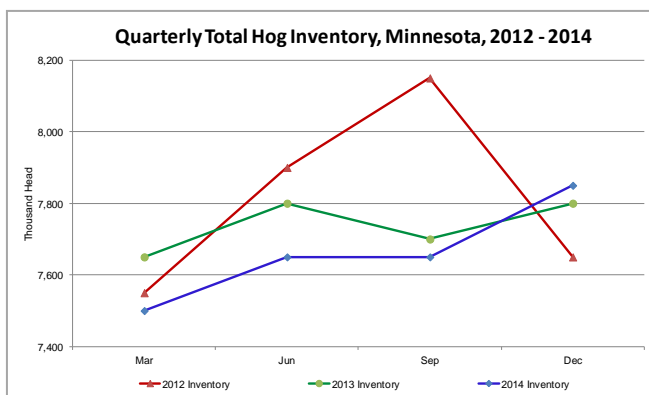
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On December 1, 2014 there were 7.85 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The December 1 inventory was up 3 percent from September 2014 and up 1 percent from last December's 7.80 million head.

The September-November 2014 pig crop was 3.07 million head, up 1 percent from the previous quarter. A total of 280,000 sows farrowed, unchanged from the previous quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.95 for the September-November quarter, setting a new record for pigs saved per litter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 285,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2014-February 2015 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2015 period are also estimated at 290,000 as of December 1, 2014.



## Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2013-2014 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois .....	500	500	100	4,050	4,100	101	4,550	4,600	101
Iowa .....	970	1,010	104	19,230	19,890	103	20,200	20,900	103
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>101</b>
Missouri .....	345	400	116	2,405	2,350	98	2,750	2,750	100
Nebraska .....	390	405	104	2,660	2,695	101	3,050	3,100	102
North Carolina .....	870	880	101	7,630	7,720	101	8,500	8,600	101
United States .....	5,757	5,969	104	59,018	60,082	102	64,775	66,050	102

## Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2013-2014 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois .....	1,250	1,310	1,210	1,140	730	750	860	900
Iowa .....	4,840	5,110	5,940	6,300	4,850	4,710	3,600	3,770
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>1,170</b>
Missouri .....	1,150	1,100	450	440	325	360	480	450
Nebraska .....	830	900	750	790	560	515	520	490
North Carolina .....	2,600	2,910	1,800	1,730	1,630	1,580	1,600	1,500
United States .....	18,389	19,027	16,080	16,630	12,576	12,635	11,972	11,792

## United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2014 was 66.1 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2013, and up 1 percent from September 1, 2014.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2014 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up 4 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 3 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.23 for the September-November period, compared to 10.16 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.10 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the December-February 2015 quarter, up 4 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, and up 3 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for March-May 2015, at 2.90 million sows, are up 3 percent from 2014, and up 3 percent from 2013.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down from 48 percent last year.

